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In re the Application of: **Akira MATSUDA et al.**

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For: **PLATING BATH FOR FORMING THIN RESISTANCE LAYER,  
METHOD OF FORMATION OF RESISTANCE LAYER,  
CONDUCTIVE BASE WITH RESISTANCE LAYER, AND  
CIRCUIT BOARD MATERIAL WITH RESISTANCE LAYER**

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated May 26, 2006.

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